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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, Paper No. 7, dated July 6, 2001, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1-6, without prejudice, as follows:

- A1
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B1
- 1 1. (Amended) At least one of a paper and a board consisting of a fibrous
2 medium coated with at least one conventional surface coat intended to be printed by
3 gravure or flexographic printing, and including, between the fibrous medium and the
4 conventional surface coat, an inner coat of a composition based on specific
5 pigments, said inner coat being deposited in an amount from one to five grams per
6 square meter (1 to 5 g/m²),
7 wherein:
8 •the composition of the conventional surface coat does not contain silica;
9 • and the composition of the inner coat includes at least one specific pigment
10 chosen from the group consisting of silica, precipitated calcium carbonate
11 (PCC) and calcined kaolin.

- 1 2. (Amended) At least one of a paper and a board according to Claim 1,
2 wherein the composition of the inner coat consists exclusively of silica.

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